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Dear Luria,

I have just talked to Clark Eichelberger, Executive Director of the American Association for the United Nations, regarding the resolution you propose. He feels that it is already covered by the terms of formation of the Atomic Energy Commission, which was charged with the duty of working out effective prohibitions and controls against the military uses of atomic energy "and other weapons of mass destruction". Once an effective set-up has been organized for atomic energy, control of V-2, bacteriological warfare, etc. will be that much easier in the form of whatever pattern is established. Differences of viewpoint on the single objective of atomic energy are so great that more confusion than good would be likely if another class of weapon were considered at this stage. He suggests sending a committee to interview Senator Austin and get his views as to where and when the bacteriological question might best be taken up.

With regard to your resolution itself, I believe the first paragraph should be eliminated, as it contributes nothing to the argument and may prejudice some readers against the remainder.

I'm glad you will be able to go to Stockholm, and am looking forward to seeing you there.

With all good wishes and cordial greetings,

Sincerely,

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Michael Heidelberger